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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Management System for COINS

REFERENCES: A. USIB-D-39.7/26, 5 February 1968
B. USIB-D-39.1/7, 8 March 1968
C. NSAM 368, 9 February 1968

1. In Reference B Mr. Helms requested that I undertake the revision of three papers which I had previously submitted, and also prepare a response to NSAM 368.

2. The papers on USIB objectives and the new intelligence information handling committee have been revised and are being distributed for USIB consideration for the meeting on 4 April. The response to NSAM 368 is in draft and will probably go to [] for distribution to USIB on 29 March 1968. The paper on which I have not been able to reach agreement is the revision of Reference A on the proposed management system for COINS.

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3. The proposed revision of Reference A is attached hereto. In it I have attempted to meet the principal CIA objections to the original proposal while, at the same time, retaining the minimum points that I believe must be covered. This revision remains unsatisfactory to [] representing the CIA staff. I have also encountered strong objection from the NSA representative,

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who states the desire of NSA to return to

most of the points in the original paper. DIA will not agree to the CIA position but will probably accept something close to the attached.

4. This ^{discussion}~~argument~~ has been going on for six weeks without progress toward an acceptable solution. In my opinion the attached revision is workable; it requires the minimum that should be expected from a COINS management system at this point in time; it provides for adequate checks and balances within the regularly constituted USIB committee structure; and it does not impinge on the prerogatives of any USIB agency.

5. I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this with you further at your convenience. It is not my intention at this time to schedule this paper with the others mentioned above for the USIB meeting on 4 April.

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